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SUBJECT: FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON PREPARATORY MEETING ON
RUBBER

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1. MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED EC PROPOSAL ON RUBBER WITH
SAME COMMISSION OFFICIAL REFERRED TO IN REFTEL. COMMISSION
HAS STILL NOT DISCUSSED DETAILS WITH MEMBER STATES BUT THIS
OFFICIAL WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANY PRELIMINARY REAC-
TIONS USG MAY HAVE TO SCHEME OUTLINED IN REFTEL. MISSION
WOULD APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY RESPONSE SOMETIME THIS WEEK TO
BE PASSED ON TO COMMISSION OFFICIALS.

2. BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL MALAYSIAN REP OF POSSIBLE
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN NEXT PREPARATORY MEETING AND AFTER-
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WARDS INDICATES THAT PRODUCERS WOULD EXPECT TO MAP OUT
PROCEDURES ON DRAFTING ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT DURING THE
PREPARATORY MEETING. MALAYSIAN REP WOULD NOT SAY YES OR NO
TO QUERY WHETHER SECRETARIAT OR ANRPC IS PREPARING A DRAFT.
IN ANY CASE, THE DRAFT COULD CONTAIN ALTERNATE ARTICLES ON
SOME OF THE KEY PROVISIONS SUCH AS BUFFER STOCKS AND PRICE
MECHANISMS.

3. IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE PREPARATORY MEETING AND THE NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE THE PRODUCERS WOULD FORESEE HAVING FURTHER DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE BUFFER STOCK SIZE, PRICE MECHANISMS, COMPOSITION, ETC. DURING THE WORKSHOP. HOWEVER, SINCE MANY SMALL CONSUMERS WOULD NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN WORKSHOP PRODUCERS SEE NEED FOR ANOTHER MEETING--SUCH AS THE ONE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8 TO 12--TO HAVE A FULLER DISCUSSION INCLUDING ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

4. AS INDICATED, SUCH THINKING IS VERY TENTATIVE BUT MISSION WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION IN ANOTHER WEEK OR SO FROM SECRETARIAT STAFF TO DETERMINE HOW THEY ARE APPROACHING NEXT MEETING AND POSSIBLE DRAFTING OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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